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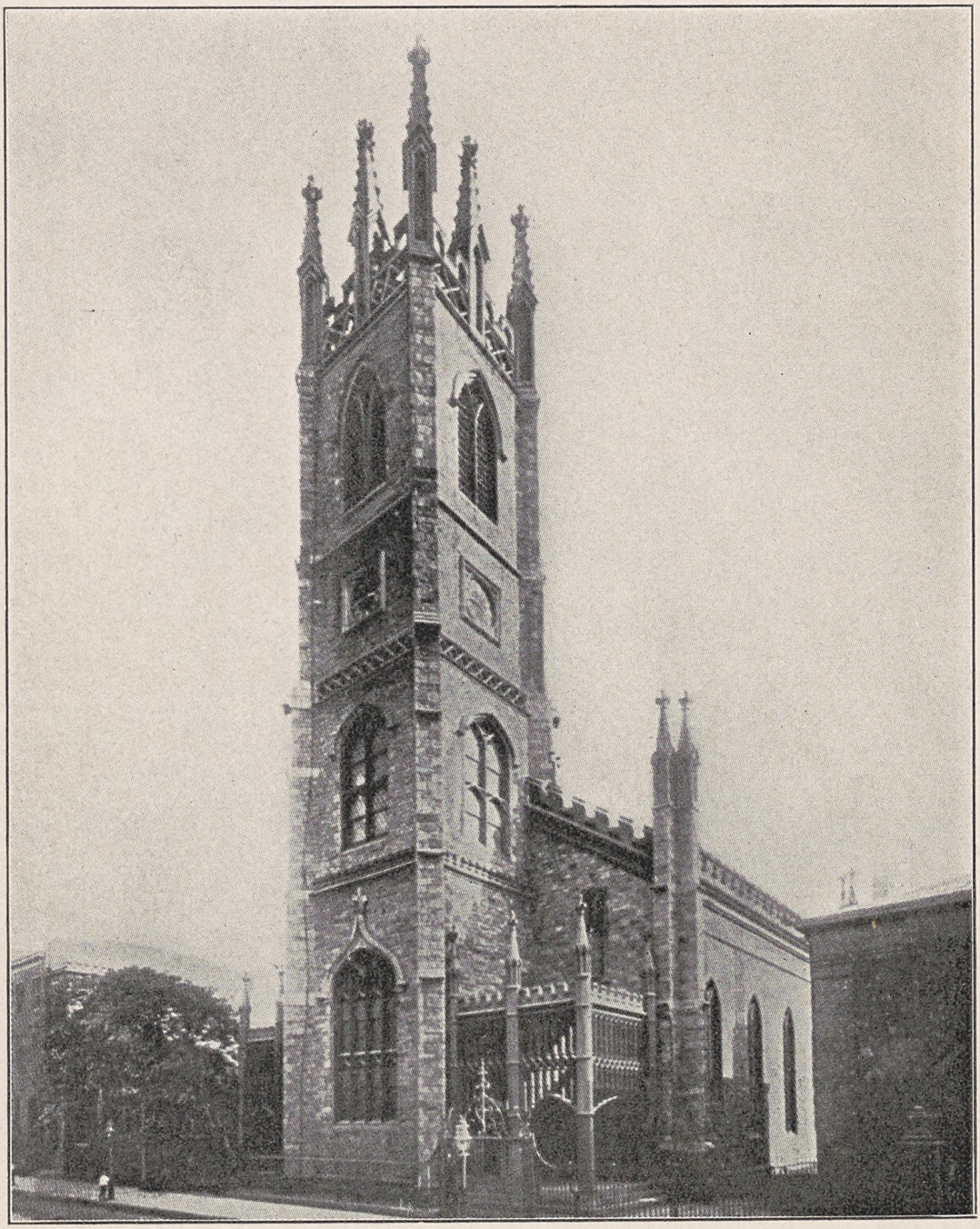

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Introductory Notes

THE purpose of this volume is to set forth, in the most concise form, a few facts with reference to the origin, history and work of St. Peter's Church ; to give a list of those who have been prominent during its career ; its Rectors, Curates, Wardens and Vestrymen ; to mention others who have made gifts to the Church ; and to furnish a list of Memorials and Tablets. In a word, our object is to answer the questions most frequently asked concerning the Parish, and to make those interested in us familiar with our important events.

Besides this, and in order that the book may serve a double purpose, it has been thought advisable to present the annual reports of our various schools and societies. At the end of the book will be found several miscellaneous articles of unusual interest.

It would be impossible to give a complete history of the Church in the few pages devoted to this subject, but the intention is to supplement the present volume with others as opportunity offers until finally we shall have accomplished that purpose.

Before proceeding to the principal points, we trust it will not be deemed out of place to mention some of our needs.

A most pressing need is an Endowment Fund.

It is beginning to be felt very keenly that if the Churches in the lower part of the city are to maintain themselves and render the services which are more and

more needed as the years pass and the neighborhood changes, it is to be accomplished only through the creation and enlargement of such Funds.

Undoubtedly the time must come when the contributions from our Church-members and attendants will be less than at present, and it is our duty to provide for that time.

More than this, our work to-day could be made more efficient and widespread if we had a larger income. We are constantly hampered and embarrassed in our labors by lack of means. Our Parish is very large, extending from the North side of 15th Street to the South side of 24th, and from the West side of Eighth Avenue to the North River ; the population is constantly increasing, and to reach and influence the people many workers should be employed.

Besides this, we constantly need money for repairs and improvements.

A moderate endowment certainly seems to be an essential part of the equipment of a Church situated as ours is. Let me therefore urge upon all who take an interest in our future, a candid and thoughtful consideration of this subject.

Another need is a new Parish House.

Our work among the people of this neighborhood, and especially the young, has grown to such an extent that we require a much larger building for Parish purposes than that which we now occupy. We want very much to keep our growing young people from the evils of the street, the contamination of the saloons, and the discomforts of the tenements. Every thoughtful person knows what terrible temptations surround them in these ways, and there can be no doubt that it is our

duty, in so far as we are able, to counteract the evil influences, rescue our young men and women from them, and if possible bring them under the protection of the Church ; during their hours of leisure we want them constantly in association with Christian people.

On the East side of the city the Church has provided splendidly for this class, in the Parish Houses of Grace, St. George's, Calvary, Incarnation, St. Bartholomew's, and others further up-town, and these Churches all have had people of wealth who could easily support such institutions. On the West side of the city, however, there are no suitable buildings or accommodations for a similar need, amid a like or even poorer class of people, and unfortunately we have no rich people among our regular communicants to inaugurate such works.

At St. Peter's we have ample ground for such a house as the neighborhood requires, but we must raise a sufficient sum of money for the building, which would have to be of substantial material and should be several stories in height. Our present building (St. Peter's Hall) is a single large audience room, and the walls are so thin that they would have to be demolished. In this single room, however, and the small antiquated building in its rear, we conduct the Sunday School, the Sewing School (which is very large), Weekly Lectures under the auspices of the Board of Education, Gymnasium, Basket Ball Games, Girls' Friendly Society, Mothers' Meetings, Classes in Basket-making, besides various Guilds and Entertainments. Nearly all our societies desire to meet more frequently than our limited space gives opportunity, and there are demands for many other things, such as a Kitchen Garden, Cooking Schools, Baths, Reading, Recreation and Club Rooms ; and for work similar to

that which is carried on in some of the Parishes I have named. Here we have an immense field for activity, yet the number of well-to-do people has grown smaller each year. It would be hopeless for us to accomplish our purpose unless we should receive help from persons other than our regular communicants.

Our desire is to tear down the present hall, the walls of which are thin and unsubstantial ; to dig a basement for Gymnasium, Baths, and similar work, and above this to erect an Auditorium which will answer for Sunday Schools, Sewing Schools, and so forth, but with walls so strong and roof so supported that within a few years, or as soon as we can raise the money, we may be able to add other stories for work which is almost a necessity in a Parish of this character and size.

May we not press upon our members and friends the importance of this work, and hope that they will help us to transform our dreams into realities. No investment of money is better than that which aids our fellowmen, saves us from self absorption, and tends to spread the Kingdom of Christ.

"What I had,
That I gave.
What I gave,
That I have.
Thus I end
All my cost.
What I left,
That I lost."

OLIN SCOTT ROCHE.

Form of Bequest

I give and bequeath to the corporation known as "The Rector, Church-wardens and Vestrymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church of St. Peter in the City of New York," the sum of . . . . dollars, to be applied to the purposes of said Church. (Or to any specific purpose which the Donor may be pleased to mention, such as Endowment Fund or New Parish House.)

Corporation and Staff

Legal Title

"The Rector, Church-wardens and Vestrymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church of St. Peter in the City of New York."

Rector

Rev. Olin Scott Roche, S.T.B.
346 West 20th Street.

Curate

Rev. W. Axford B. Holmes,
340 West 20th Street.

Wardens

Mr. Douglas Taylor. Mr. Joseph W. Cushman.

Vestrymen

Mr. James W. Elgar. Mr. Rudolph C. Faber.
Mr. George F. Wilcoxson. Mr. Benjamin F. Elgar, 2d.
Mr. William T. Watson. Mr. George Arthur Frink.
Mr. Lawrence Middleton. Mr. John S. Ferguson.

Treasurer

Mr. George F. Wilcoxson,

172 Ninth Avenue.

Clerk of the Vestry

Mr. Benjamin F. Elgar, 2d,

335 West 24th Street.

Organist and Choirmaster

Mr. Frederick W. Smythe,

420 West 20th Street.

Ushers

Mr. William M. Patterson. Mr. Robert C. Patterson.

Sexton and Undertaker

Mr. John J. Mallon,

340 West 20th Street.

Hours of Services

Sunday Services

Holy Communion, 8 A.M.

Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon, 11 o'clock.

Evensong and Sermon, 7.45 o'clock.

Holy Communion

Every Sunday morning at 8 o'clock.

First Sunday of each Month, second Celebration at 12 M.

Thursdays and Saints' Days at 8 A.M.

Special announcement made for Epiphany, Ash Wednesday, Easter, Ascension Day, All Saints' Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas.

Holy Baptism

First Sunday of each month at 4 P.M.

Sunday School

At 9.30 A.M.

Confirmation

The holy rite of Confirmation is usually administered during the week following Ash Wednesday.

Parochial Statistics

May 1st, 1903, to May 1st, 1904.

Baptisms,		59
Confirmed,		52
Marriages,		52
Burials,		45
Public Services,		316
Celebrations of Holy Communion,		130
Sunday School:	Officers and Teachers, 21	
	Scholars, 300	321
Sewing School:	Officers and Teachers, 22	
	Scholars, 172	194

Brief Historical Sketch

Data

The birthplace of St. Peter's Church was the Chapel of the General Theological Seminary. Its founders were :

Rev. Bird Wilson, D.D.

Rev. Samuel Hulbeart Turner, D.D.

Clement Clarke Moore, LL.D.

The Church was incorporated May 9th, 1831.

The Chapel of St. Peter's Church (*the present Rectory*).—The corner-stone was laid by the Right Reverend Benjamin T. Onderdonk, D.D., Bishop of New York, Saturday, October 8th, 1831. It was consecrated by him Saturday, February 4th, 1832.

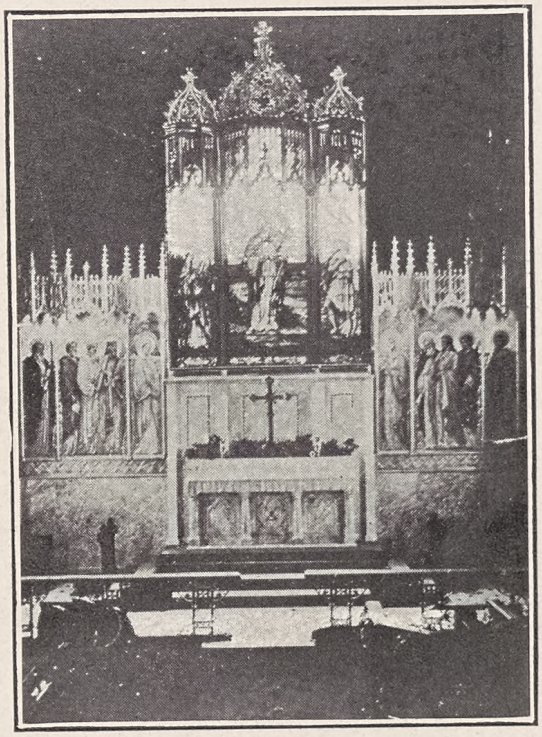
The Church —The corner-stone was laid by the Right Reverend Benjamin T. Onderdonk, D.D., Bishop of New York, Wednesday (St. Peter's Day), June 29th, 1836. It was consecrated by him Thursday, February 22d, 1838.

At a meeting of the Vestry, held January 11th, 1840, it was resolved to alter the Chapel into a Rectory. The above resolution was confirmed February 4th, 1840, and the work was accomplished later.

Permission was granted by the Vestry to erect a Sunday School Hall (now known as the Rear Sunday School Hall), November 29th, 1853, and the work proceeded. This building was never consecrated.

A resolution to erect St. Peter's Hall was passed by the Vestry February 3d, 1871. The building was reported completed November 27th, 1871. This building was never consecrated.

The two Choir Rooms within the Rectory grounds were erected during the Summer of 1895. They were never consecrated.



THE BEACH MEMORIAL

Rectors

REV. BENJAMIN ISAACS HAIGHT,

Elected July 13, 1831. Resigned Mar. 26, 1834.

REV. THOMAS PYNE,

Elected Sept. 28, 1834. Resigned Jan. 6, 1836.

REV. HUGH SMITH,

Elected Feb. 15, 1836. Resigned Oct. 11, 1848.

REV. ELI HULME CANFIELD,

Elected Jan. 8, 1850. Resigned Nov. 16, 1852.

REV. ALFRED BAURY BEACH,

Elected April 27, 1853. Resigned May 1, 1890.

REV. OLIN SCOTT ROCHE,

Elected May 9, 1890.

Curates

1837 Goddard, Kingston—*In charge.*
1857 Synnott, Stephen Henry.
1860 Wilson, William Thomas.
1861 Staunton, John Armitage.
1863 Hopson, George Bailey.
1864, 1865 Barnes, Reginald Heber.
1866 Odgen, Charles Talcott.
1867 Crowe, George Harden.
1868 McNulty, Stephen A.
1869 Knapp, Charles S.
1870 Jowitt, Joseph Firth.
1871 Goudy, Robert Reed.
1872 Purucker, Gustav Edmund.
1873 Backus, Brady Electus.
1874 Kaye, George Thomas.
1875, 1876, 1877 Arnold, Adoniram Judson.
1878, 1879, 1880 Gross, Robert Spear.
1881 Bowne, George Washington.
1882 Heartfield, Frank.
1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890 Roche, Olin Scott.
1891 Babcock, Edward W.
1892, 1893 Griffin, Alfred W.
1894 Mackenzie, Benjamin Sumner.
1896, 1897 Ashley, George Dart.
1898, 1899, 1900, 1901 Walker, Ralph Jervis.
1901 Merriman, Erle H.
1901, 1902, 1903, 1904 Holmes, William Axford B.

Wardens

Spencer, Reuben,	1831–1859
Moore, Clement C.	1831–1839
Moore, Clement C.	1839–1845
Wells, James N.	1839–1845
Tucker, Joseph,	1845–1848
Coggill, George,	1845–1848
Tucker, Joseph,	1848–1849
Lippitt, Thomas B.	1848–1849
Tucker, Joseph,	1849–1852
Wells, James N.	1849–1852
Wells, James N.	1852–1854
Collins, Peter D.	1852–1854
Lawrence, Richard,	1854–1855
Tucker, Joseph,	1854–1855
Lawrence, Richard,	1855–1858
Bradford, Alexander W.	1855–1858
Franklin, Morris,	1858–1862
Welchman, Frederick W.	1858–1862
Franklin, Morris,	1862–1864
Wells, James N.	1862–1864
Wells, James N.	1864–1865
Smith, William H.	1864–1865
Wells, James N.	1865–1866
Fitch, Dennis M.	1865–1866
Wells, James N.	1866–1867
Young, Edwin,	1866–1867
Wells, James N.	1867–1874
Quackenbos, George Payn,	1867–1874

Quackenbos, George Payn,	1874–1880
Young, Edwin,	1874–1880
Quackenbos, George Payn,	1880–1881
Cushman, E. Holbrook,	1880–1882
Young, Edwin,	1881–1882
Young, Edwin,	1882–1885
Cushman, E. Holbrook,	1882–1885
Ogden, Charles W.	1885–1896
Cushman, E. Holbrook,	1885–1896
Cushman, E. Holbrook,	1896–1903
Taylor, Douglas,	1896–1903
Taylor, Douglas,	1903–
Cushman, Joseph W.	1903–

Treasurers

Cooke, W. R.	1831–1832
West, E. D.	1832–1836
Howell, Benjamin B.	1836–1840
Wells, James N. (*Father*),	1840–1844
Martine, Theodore,	1844–1851
Wells, James N. (*Father*),	1851–1853
Collins, Peter D.	1853–1854
Gregory, John,	1854–1855
Wells, James N., Jr.	1855–1863
Weston, George S.	1863–1865
Young, Edwin,	1865–1867
Wells, James N.	1867–1874
Young, Edwin,	1874–1876
Baldwin, J. C.	1876–1879
Styles, S. D.	1879–1883
Baldwin, J. C.	1883–1892
Ogden, C. Stuart,	1892–1896
Smith, Reuben R.	1896–1903
Wilcoxson, George F.	1903–

Clerks

Cadle, Theodore,	1831–1834
Stewart, James (M.D.)	1834–1835
Keeler, Charles,	1835–1840
Smith, N. Bradner,	1840–1844
Fisher, Henry,	1844–1848
Banks, Mark,	1848–1853
Franklin, Morris,	1853–1854
Waterbury, Nelson J.	1854–1855
Banks, Mark,	1855–1858
Welchman, F. W.	1858–1861
Higgins, A. Foster,	1861–1862
White, Kenneth G.	1862–1866
Wells, James N.	1866–1867
Webster, George H.	1867–1868
Jarrett, James,	1868–1869
Wells, John P. R.	1869–1870
Ogden, Charles W.	1870–1897
Carter, Henry C.	1897–1898
Wilcoxson, George F.	1898–1903
Elgar, Benjamin Franklin, 2d,	1903–

Vestrymen

Annable, William H.	1853–1854
Babcock, Francis,	1831–1833
Babcock, Francis H.	1851–1852
Baldwin, Joseph C.	1874–1895
Banks, Mark,	1844–1853 1855–1858
Blackwood, John,	1889–1895
Bradford, Alexander W.	1845–1855
Brown, John Potts,	1853–1854
Carter, Henry Clinton,	1891–1892 1897–1898
Cash, Alexander,	1882–1889
Cadle, Theodore,	1831–1834
Carryl, Nathan T.	1851–1853
Coggill, Henry,	1833–1834 1835–1837
Coggill, George,	1840–1845
Cooke, William R.	1831–1833
Corbusier, Edward H., Jr.	1897–1898
Cushman, Don Alonzo,	1837–1839

Cushman, E. Holbrook,	1867–1880
Cushman, Joseph Wood,	1891–1903
Cushman, William F. (M.D.),	1885–1899
Cuthbert, Edward B.	1893–1897
Davis, Seth,	1831–1832
Duncan, Arthur M.	1897–1900
Elgar, Benjamin F., 2d,	1903–
Elgar, James W.	1884–
Faber, Rudolph C.	1900–
Ferguson, John S.	1903–
Fisher, Henry,	1837–1849
Fitch, Dennis M.	1858–1865
Flanagan, James,	1837–1840
Flower, William,	1831–1835
Franklin, Edward D. (M.D.),	1894–1903
Franklin, Morris,	1851–1858
Frink, George Arthur,	1903–
Gregory, John,	1852–1855
Higgins, A. Foster,	1856–1862
Hinton, John,	1831–1836
Howell, Benjamin B.	1835–1842
Hurry, Edmund,	1838–1851
Ives, Caleb S.	1831–1833
Jarrett, James,	1865–1873
Keeler, Charles,	1833–1840
Lawrence, Richard,	1849–1850
Leaman, Andrew J.	1865–1867
Lippitt, Thomas B.	1844–1848
Livingston, Levi L.	1867–1882
McFarland, Thomas M.	1853–1864
Mackey, Frank R.	1898–1899
Martine, Theodore,	1844–1851
Marvin, William,	1865–1866
Merry, John,	1880–1884
Middleton, Lawrence,	1899–
Morrison, John H.	1866–1885
Morrison, John Hamilton, Jr.	1884–1893
Mount, Charles H.	1858–1867 1873–1874
Norwood, Carlisle,	1853–1858
Ogden, Charles Stuart,	1892–1897
Ogden, Charles W.	1866–1885

Ogden, John D. (M.D.),	1855–1856
Potter, Israel T.	1868–1877
Quackenbos, George Payn,	1864–1867
Shear, Theodore R.	1877–1884 1885–1891
Smith, Floyd,	1834–1835
Smith, James W.	1850-1852
Smith, N. Bradner,	1839–1844
Smith, Reuben R.	1896-1903
Smith, William H.	1852–1864
Stebbins, George N.	1866–1867 1873–1891
Stevenson, George,	1867–1871
Stewart, James (M.D.),	1833–1835
Stuart, John M.	1851–1853 1854–1855
Styles, Samuel D.	1874–1885
Taylor, Douglas,	1895–1896
Tucker, Joseph,	1833–1845
Underhill, Abraham,	1844–1851
Vandewater, W. R.	1840–1844
Van Siclen, George W.	1885–1894 1895–1896
Wade, George,	1864–1867
Wallace, James,	1834–1837
Waters, T. J.	1842–1844
Watson, William T.	1899–
Waterbury, Nelson J.	1852–1855
Webster, George H.	1867–1868
Welchman, Frederick W.	1848–1849 1855–1858
Wells, James N.	1831–1839
Wells, James N., Jr.	1855–1862
Wells, John P. R.	1867–1872
Wells, Ovid P.	1844–1853
West, Edward D.	1832–1837
Weston, George S.	1858–1865
White, Kenneth G.	1858–1865
Wilcoxson, George F.	1898–
Young, Edmund M.	1862–1865
Young, Edwin,	1862–1866 1872–1874

Gifts to St. Peter's

1832

Feb. 4—George Rapelye gave to the Church a Deed of Gift for a Lot in 36th Street.

1836

Aug. 30—Clement C. Moore gave to the Church a Deed of Gift for Three Lots upon which Church was erected.

1841

Mar. 13—Clement C. Moore gave to the Church a Deed of Gift for Four Lots (two upon each side of the three already given).

1884

Mar. 20—A gift to the Church by Will of Mrs. John S. (Caroline) McClure of Ten Thousand Dollars.

1899

Jan. 1—By death of Miss Louisa Babcock, Executrix for Estate of Sarah McGowan, and by expressed wish of the latter, $1,463.90.

This amount was finally released by the State to the Church, by Act of Legislature passed Senate, February 3d, 1904; Assembly, February 29th, 1904; Governor signed March 9th, 1904.

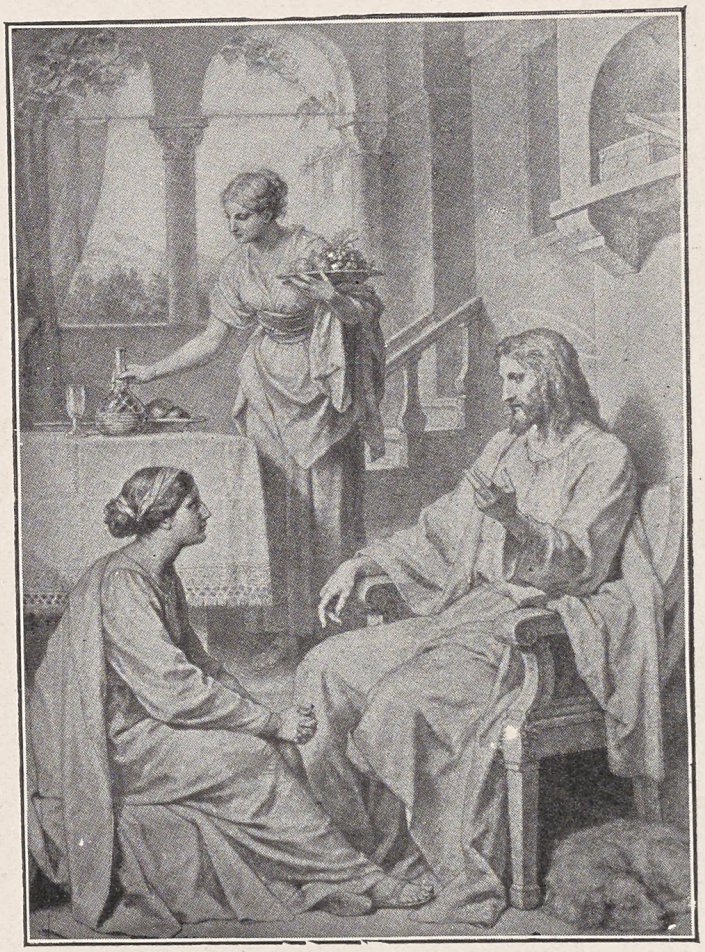
Thanks are due to Senator Peter J. Dooling and Assemblyman Patrick H. Bird for their efforts towards securing for the Church the above legacy.

It has not yet been received.

1903

Sept. 11—By Will of Miss Marcia Sherrill her late residence No. 343 West 20th Street.

This property has not yet been received by the Church.



THE ROCHE MEMORIAL

Memorials in St. Peter's

MEMORIALS	GIVEN BY	DATE	IN MEMORY OF
Silver Communion Service. Flagon, Two Chalices, Two Patens, Large Plate, Large Spoon.	The congregation at Service of Consecration of the Chapel.	Feb. 4, 1832.	Unknown.
The Font.	Charles H. Mount.	Jan. 12, 1859.	Unknown.
Chancel Decoration.	James N. Wells.	1873.	Mrs. James N. Wells.*
Sedilia, Prayer Desks and Bracket.	Rev. Robert Spear Gross.	1880.	Unknown.
The Pulpit, the Lectern, the Sanctuary Rail.	The children of Don Alonzo and Matilda C. S. Cushman.	Easter, 1883.	Don Alonzo Cushman, 1875; Matilda C. S. Cushman, 1881.
The Small Sanctuary Windows.	Sunday School.	Easter, 1883.	Deceased Scholars.
The Altar Cross.	Mrs. Robert Taylor.	Easter, 1884.	Maria Louisa Dean.
The Alms Bason.	The children of Don Alonzo and Matilda C. S. Cushman.	Easter, 1887.	Don Alonzo Cushman, Matilda C. S. Cushman.
Altar Desk.	Library Association.	Easter, 1891.	Samuel Wiswall, William T. Ahmuty, George T. Henderson.
The Chancel Organ.	Henry C. Carter and Albert Bradley Carter.	Easter, 1892.	Jacob Sawyer Carter.
The Oak Screen, Chancel Stalls, Baptistery Screen and Arches.	St. Peter's Aid Society.	Easter, 1892.	Deceased Friends.

*This Memorial now removed.

Memorials—*Continued*

MEMORIALS	GIVEN BY	DATE	IN MEMORY OF
Font Cover and Ewer.	Henry Clinton Carter.	Easter, 1893.	S. T. H.
The Altar Vases.	Mrs. J. A. Cowie.	Advent, 1893.	James Adamson Cowie, Jr.
The Corona in Vestibule.	Mrs. Lillian L. Wiswall.	May, 1894.	Levi Lewis Livingston.
Picture, "St. Peter."	St. Peter's Aid Society.	May, 1894.	Sister Cecilia.*
Picture, Adoring Angel, "Prayer."	St. Peter's Aid Society.	May, 1894.	Sister Cecilia.*
Picture, Adoring Angel, "Praise."	St. Peter's Aid Society.	May, 1894.	Sister Cecilia.*
Credence Table.	Marcia Sherrill.	1895.	Margaret Mulford Sherrill, Oct. 4, 1894.
Fair Linen Cloth.	Mrs. Lillian L. Wiswall.	1895.	Samuel Wiswall.
Silver Chalice.	Mrs. Lillian L. Wiswall.	1898.	Sister Cecilia.
Silver Paten.	Mrs. Lillian L. Wiswall.	1898.	Sister Cecilia.
Silver Ciborium.	Mrs. Lillian L. Wiswall.	1898.	Cornelia A. Hutchins, Sept. 25, 1892.
Stained-Glass Window, "Christ in the House at Bethany."	Rev. Olin S. Roche, Sallie A. Roche.	Easter, 1899.	Rev. John A. Roche, M.D., D.D.
Embroidered Book Marks.	Miss Minnie E. Roe.	1899.	Mrs. Margaret Roe.
Silver and Glass Communion Cruets.	Rev. Samuel Jones Seabury, D.D.	1899.	Rev. J. A. Roche, M.D., D.D.

*This Memorial now removed.

Memorials—*Continued*

MEMORIALS	GIVEN BY	DATE	IN MEMORY OF
Altar, Marble Floor and Steps.	Parishioners and Friends.	Easter, 1899.	Rev. Alfred Baury Beach, D.D.
Reredos, Sanctuary Window and Mural Paintings.	Parishioners and Friends.	Oct., 1900.	Rev. Alfred Baury Beach, D.D.
Stained-Glass Window, "A Virtuous Woman."	Will of Louisa Babcock.	1900.	Francis and Alice Wyer Babcock, and their children, Frances H., Alice W., Maria A., Louisa, William F., Emily W., Eleanor, Frederick A., and Edward C.
The Altar Vases.	E. Adelaide Cushman, Gertrude R. Cushman.	1901.	James S. Cushman, Nov. 25, 1894.
Processional Cross.	Mrs. L. M. Van Bokkelen.	Easter, 1903.	Holbrook Cushman Van Bokkelen, 1891–1896.
Stained-Glass Window, "Christ Blessing Little Children."	The children of Mrs. E. A. C. Wilcoxson.	1903.	Emilie Arnoult Cushman Wilcoxson, Sept. 7, 1828, Oct. 26, 1897.
Altar Candlesticks.	Samuel U. Fleet.	Easter, 1904.	Mary Amelia Underhill.
Silver Flagon.	Mrs. Lillian L. Wiswall.	Easter, 1904.	Mary Francis Davis.
Silver Baptismal Shell.	Cathryn Strohsahl.	Easter, 1904.	H. and R. Strohsahl.

The Tablets

DOCTOR HUGH SMITH.

"*Behold the upright man, for the end of that man is peace.*"

Ps. xxxvii, 37.

THIS TABLET IS ERECTED
IN MEMORY OF
REV. HUGH SMITH, D.D.
THE FAITHFUL AND BELOVED PASTOR
AND THE GOOD MAN.
DURING THIRTEEN YEARS HE PERFORMED
THE LABORIOUS DUTIES OF THIS PARISH
WITH UNTIRING ASSIDUITY
AND UNIVERSAL ESTEEM.
KIND IN DISPOSITION,
HE WAS A TENDER FATHER
AN AFFECTIONATE HUSBAND AND BROTHER,
AND A STEADFAST FRIEND.
IN VIEW OF DUTY
HE WAS ZEALOUS, CONSCIENTIOUS AND FIRM;
AND AS A CONSISTENT MINISTER OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
WAS WARMLY ATTACHED
TO HER DOCTRINE AND USAGES.
AT THE AGE OF 54 YEARS,
ON SUNDAY, THE 25TH DAY OF MARCH, 1849,
DURING THE TIME OF MORNING SERVICE,
HE CEASED TO BE MORTAL AND WAS GATHERED
UNTO HIS FATHERS, IN FAVOR WITH HIS GOD
AND IN PERFECT CHARITY WITH THE WORLD.

"*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.*"

Rev. xiv, 13.

ERECTED
BY THE SUNDAY SCHOOL OF
THIS PARISH
TO THE MEMORY OF
AGNES ANN MARTIN,
WHO FROM ITS FOUNDATION
WAS ONE OF ITS MOST ZEALOUS SUPPORTERS
AND EFFICIENT TEACHERS.

GENTLE IN MANNERS, KIND IN DISPOSITION,
STRONG IN FAITH AND ACTIVE IN WORKS
OF CHARITY,
THE YOUNG LOVED HER, THE POOR BLESSED HER
AND ALL WERE INSTRUCTED
BY HER EXAMPLE.

DIED NOVEMBER 4, 1856. AGED 67.

IN MEMORY OF
JOHN GREGORY
A VESTRYMAN OF THIS CHURCH, A.D. 1852.
BORN OCT. 12, 1812, DIED APR. 2, 1858.

"*May I die the death of the righteous: and may my last end be like his.*"

"A man of God thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

II Tim., iii, 17.

IN MEMORY OF

THE REV. SAMUEL HULBEART TURNER, D.D.

DURING FORTY-TWO YEARS
PROFESSOR OF BIBLICAL LEARNING
AND THE INTERPRETATION OF SCRIPTURE
IN THE GEN. THEO. SEMINARY.
IN THE CHAPEL OF WHICH INSTITUTION,
UNDER THE UNITED CARE OF HIS COLLEAGUE,
THE REV. DR. WILSON AND HIMSELF,
THIS PARISH WAS FOUNDED.

Eminent alike for ability and piety, uprightness of character and tenderness of heart, combining profound learning with rare aptitude for teaching and conscientious devotion to truth, he was universally reverenced and beloved.

As a preacher he was earnest, plain and instructive.

As a distinguished interpreter of the Word of God his name is known in other lands and sheds lustre upon the Church of his deep affections.

HE WAS BORN IN PHILADELPHIA,
ON THE 23RD OF JANUARY, 1790,
AND DIED ON THE 21ST OF DECEMBER, 1861,
AT HIS RESIDENCE IN THE
GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

"He rests from his labors; and his works do follow him."

Rev. xiv, 13.

ERECTED
IN MEMORY OF
CLEMENT C. MOORE, LL.D.
BORN IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
JULY 15TH, A.D. 1779,
AND
DIED IN THE CITY OF NEWPORT, R. I.,
JULY 10TH, A.D. 1863,
AGED
83 YEARS, 11 MONTHS, 25 DAYS.

"*Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.*"
Psalm xxxvii, Ver. 37.

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THIS TABLET
IS ERECTED IN MEMORY
OF
GEORGE PAYN QUACKENBOS, LL.D.,
FOR MANY YEARS
ONE OF
THE WARDENS OF THIS PARISH
AND
SUPERINTENDENT OF ITS SUNDAY SCHOOL.
HE WAS BORN
SEPTEMBER 4TH, 1826.
ENTERED INTO REST,
JULY 24TH, 1881.

"*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.*"

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THE ALTAR, REREDOS AND WINDOW IN THE SANCTUARY
OF THIS CHURCH ARE ERECTED TO THE MEMORY OF
REV. ALFRED BAURY BEACH, D.D.
RECTOR, 1853–1890.
AN EXACT THINKER. AN ELOQUENT DEBATER. A LUCID WRITER. AN IMPRESSIVE PREACHER. FEARLESS IN THE DEFENSE OF RELIGIOUS TRUTH, HE EARNESTLY CONTENDED FOR THE FAITH WHICH WAS ONCE DELIVERED UNTO THE SAINTS.
BORN, SEP. 9, 1821—DIED, OCT. 6, 1897.
"*The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.*"

Record of Measurements, etc.

Church, outside,	65×84 feet.
Church, inside,	61×80 feet.
Tower, outside,	20×20 feet.
Tower, inside,	17×17 feet.
Tower, above curb stone. (Stone mark.)	101 feet 6 inches.
Pinnacles above Stone Tower,	28 feet 6 inches.
Chancel, outside measurement,	11×28 feet.
Chancel, inside measurement (to inside of Church walls),	13×26 feet.
Side Galleries (each),	14 feet wide.
Organ Gallery,	17 feet wide.
Organ Gallery,	30 feet 6 inches long.
Organ's Case,	13×20 feet 6 inches.
The space between Galleries,	33 feet.
Rectory, outside,	31×56 feet.
Rectory, inside,	29×54 feet.
Rear School Room, outside,	25×45 feet.
Rear School Room, inside,	23 ft. 8 in. by 42 ft. 8 in.
St. Peter's Hall,	45×88 feet.
The Bell weighs,	2,100 pounds.

THE WILCOXSON MEMORIAL

Annual Reports

The Sunday School

Our Sunday School begins its year the second Sunday in September, and usually closes about the middle of June. The School is opened at 9.30 o'clock with a very brief service, and the session lasts for seventy minutes. There are three departments, viz.: the Primary, Intermediate, and Main. At present there are one hundred and twenty children in the Primary Grade (their ages varying from three to ten years) under a most efficient instructor, Miss Elizabeth A. Cushman, and her assistants, Mrs. Charles H. Miller and Miss Emma Hoerle. The service in this grade is made as simple as possible, so the youngest child can understand. This year the children have become accustomed to the new method and even the smallest ones have found courage to say, at least, the text. The older children remember and report the Bible story told them the previous Sunday. Before children pass from the Primary Grade to the Intermediate, we require them to know the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and three or four of the Commandments. In the last few months twenty-seven have been promoted into the next grade.

This brings us to the Intermediate Department. In these classes are forty-five children ; we separate the boys from the girls, Mr. B. Frank Ivins having charge of the boys, and Mrs. Buchanan of the girls. The scholars in this grade are required to know the Church Catechism before entering the higher department.

We now enter the Main Room, one hundred and thirty-five in attendance, where we find boys and girls ranging from thirteen to twenty-one years of age (in classes of about ten) hard at work under trained teachers, whose one object it is to make the boy a God-fearing man, and the girl a God-fearing woman, to inculcate the necessity of Holy Baptism and to bring them to Confirmation, that they may be admitted to the Holy Communion, the highest privilege of the Christian Church. The Sunday School work is one of our most difficult problems, and with its great possibilities of ever-widening influence, demands constant interest and attention. Parents, we ask that you insist upon and encourage your children's spiritual education, as you do their intellectual training. The business world to-day demands the honest boy and girl, and where, may it be asked (if home training has been neglected), are they to be instructed, if not within the Armory of God's Church? In a word, our aim is to strive each Sunday to teach our scholars how to use Spiritual Weapons against the World, the Flesh and the Devil.

Officers.

Rev. W. Axford B. Holmes, *Superintendent.*
Robert C. Patterson, *Secretary.*

Teachers in Main Department.

Mr. C. M. Farney.
Mr. G. La Pla Smith.
Miss E. R. Wilcoxson.
Miss Ethel Cushman.
Mr. Samuel W. Patterson.
Mr. Wm. M. Patterson.
Miss Louise S. Hopper.
Miss Elsie Costello.
Miss Alice Wurz.
Miss M. C. Wilcoxson.
Mrs. George Arthur Frink.
Miss Florence E. Henderson.
Miss Park.

Intermediate Department.

Mr. B. FRANK IVINS. Miss HELEN E. DENSLOW.
Mrs. BUCHANAN.

Infant Department.

Miss ELIZABETH A. CUSHMAN, *Instructress.*

Assistants.

Mrs. CHARLES H. MILLER. Miss EMMA HOERLE.

Financial Report

From September 13th, 1903, to May 15th, 1904.

Intermediate and Main Departments.

Collections,	$125.97	
Missions:		
Nashotah House,	16.00	
General Missions,	57.70	
		$199.67
Expenses,		218.40

Primary Department.

Receipts,	$38.55		
Missions,	23.30		
		$61.85	
For Missions,		23.30	
		$38.55	
Expenses,		14.79	
Balance,			$23.76

W. AXFORD B. HOLMES.

The Sewing School

It is with satisfaction that we tender the report of our Sewing School for the year 1903–1904, as we can state that the School is almost self-supporting and the work of the children promising.

One hundred and seventy-two children have attended the School, and we have had nineteen teachers. We feel that this work is an important one, as it is so necessary for every woman to be able to sew well.

Our boys learn to darn, sew on buttons, patch and mend their clothes, and with their basket-work they are also taught chair-caning.

We are greatly in need of assistance, having been obliged during the past year to limit the number of children, especially our boys, owing to lack of teachers. May this work appeal to the women of our Parish.

Financial Report

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year,	$79.62	
Donations from Mrs. Jarrett,	4.00	
Mrs. Frink,	1.00	
Mrs. E. H. C.	7.92	
Children's pennies,	21.06	$113.60

EXPENSES.

Flowers for prizes,	$3.50	
Medals,	7.92	
Ice Cream,	7.00	
Badges,	5.00	
Books,	1.00	
Cards printed,	3.25	
Mark Books,	2.16	
Material for girls,	8.37	
Material for boys,	5.03	$43.23
Balance on hand, 1904,		70.37
		$113.60

Mrs. L. M. VAN BOKKELEN,
The Misses CUSHMAN, } *Directresses.*

The Woman's Missionary Society

Our Society is not a large one but is well-organized, and always does effective work.

During the past year three meetings have been held, the first in the Guild Room, the second at the residence of the President, Mrs. George F. Wilcoxson, and the third at the Rectory. The results were gratifying.

For several years the weekly sewing meetings of the Society have been omitted, as at present articles can be purchased in the shops at less cost than would be required to buy material and afterwards make it up into garments.

At the suggestion of Miss Emery two small boxes were sent to missionaries in the West instead of one large one ; and word has since been received that the two missionaries were made very happy by the contents of the boxes.

Donations of money were made by the Society to other missionary objects as set forth in the Financial Statement which accompanies this report.

Thanks are due to the Purchasing Committee, Mrs. Quinlan and Mrs. Overton, and to all those who have taken an interest in the work of the Society.

Financial Report

Total amount received,		$126.43
Missionary box forwarded to the Rev. Wm. H. Hoff, Tonopah, Nevada, April 12th,	$45.38	
Missionary box forwarded to the Rev. R. S. Hannah, Staples, Minn., April 12th,	30.05	$75.43
To Bishop Brown, Arkansas,	$20.00	
To Reserve Fund, Domestic Committee,	20.00	
Church Periodical Club,	9.00	
Annual Dues, Domestic Committee,	2.00	$51.00
Total amount,		$126.43

MARIA LOUISE TAYLOR, *Secretary.*
Mrs. JAMES W. ELGAR, *Treasurer.*

The Young Ladies' Guild

After an existence of twenty-seven years, the Young Ladies' Guild of St. Peter's Church begs leave to speak a word of its work in the past, as well as of its present need. In January, 1877, a number of the young ladies of the Church, with the approval and assistance of the Rector, formed a society whose object was to collect, monthly, from as many of the members of the Parish as were willing to set aside a certain sum, weekly, for the purpose of securing a more certain maintenance of some of the charitable works already in existence, such as the Dorcas Society (now the Employment Society), the fund for supplying shoes, when needed, to the poorer children of the Sunday School; the fund for the relief of the sick, etc.

Through the generosity of the son of one of the first contributors (no longer a member of the Parish) we have received annually three hundred dollars for charitable and Parish purposes. While the Sisterhood of the Good Shepherd was in existence this amount was given towards its support in return for mission work and visiting among the sick and poor. Afterwards it went for the services of a Parish Visitor, and still later to charitable, investigating and clerical work.

The Society also supplies the funds for the work of the Employment Society.

There are many calls made upon the resources of the Guild, and were all aware of its good works, it would receive more generous and regular support.

Clara Cowie,
Louise Stephania Hopper,
Henrietta B. Cone,
Officers.

The Employment Society

This Society furnishes sewing to a number of needy women during the cold weather. Work is given them from December 1st to April 1st. They are paid twenty-five, thirty-five, and fifty cents a garment according to the amount of work, the material being supplied them. The garments are afterwards sold at about the same rates.

This Society employs as many women as its means allow ; but the preference is necessarily given to communicants and regular attendants of the Church. A subscription of ten dollars entitles the donor to send one beneficiary to the Society for the season, provided such beneficiary be not found unworthy.

Report of Employment Society

Garments on hand December 1st, 1903,	64	
Garments made during year,	750	814
Garments sold during year,	709	
Garments donated,	64	773
Garments on hand April 28th, 1904,		41

Number of meetings,	19
Membership,	18

Balance on hand December 1st, 1903,	$0.29	
Received from Y. L. Guild,	179.00	
Received from sales,	108.84	$288.13
Expended for materials,	$108.08	
Expended for sewing,	179.95	288.03
Balance on hand,		$0.10

April 28th, 1904. CLARA COWIE.

The Girls' Friendly Society

We are endeavoring to make our work in the Girls' Friendly Society one of mutual benefit and pleasure.

We are not a missionary society except in our labor amongst girls, for we are trying to reach all girls, especially those who are alone and friendless, and have them work with us to help others less fortunate than themselves.

Next year, with our classes for instructions and our social evenings, we are hoping to interest and give pleasure to all. With this object in view I trust in time every girl in our Parish will help us. The dues are so small, only four cents a month, that no one need hold back on that account.

We have now eighteen members, nine probationers and two associates. Although I have said we are not a missionary society, yet I am glad to report that during the year the girls have raised one hundred and fifty-five dollars for parochial purposes and eight dollars sent at Easter to the Brothers of Nazareth, besides paying for embroidery lessons and other expenses. We are greatly encouraged as we come to the close of our second year, not that we have achieved so much—in fact we have accomplished only a small part of what we had hoped might be done—but the interest manifested by each one of the girls and their earnest endeavor to be better Churchwomen is both gratifying and commendable. God has blessed our work in the past and we will start forth next Autumn with renewed hope and enthusiasm, knowing that no effort can fail of success if made "in His name."

HELEN VAN BOKKELEN,
Branch Secretary.

The Mothers' Meeting

Were a passerby to drop in at St. Peter's Hall on any Thursday afternoon he would find assembled in an upper room a number of women ranging in age from thirty-five years to nearly four-score, many of them with care-worn faces and weary from toil, but happy in having left behind for the time all their burdens; the object of the meetings being to give to these tired ones an hour of rest and social enjoyment. Some have for half a century faithfully attended the Church services and have sent their children and grand-children to the Sunday School. When talking with *these* dear pilgrims one is reminded of the lines of the beautiful old Christmas hymn:

> "O ye beneath life's crushing load
> Whose forms are bending low,
> Who toil along the climbing way
> With painful steps and slow."

The meetings are usually opened with prayer by either the Rector of the Parish or his Curate, all joining in repeating the Lord's Prayer and Creed.

After this an interesting story is read, and then comes a pleasant chat over cups of tea and dainty cakes.

Through the generosity of a lady of St. Peter's a treat of ice cream and delicious cake has been given twice during the past year.

The weekly coming together of these mothers promotes among them a kindly feeling and tends to keep alive an interest in all matters pertaining to the Church.

LOUISE STEPHANIA HOPPER,

Superintendent.

The Altar Guild

Was organized May 21st, 1901, for the purpose of supplying and taking care of the altar linen and flowers, and keeping in order the cassocks and cottas worn by the choir.

There are seventeen active and ten associate members, paying annual dues of three dollars each.

Directress: Mrs. George F. Wilcoxson.
Secretary: Miss Edith Overton.
Treasurer: Miss Esther Quinlan.

Quarterly meetings are held in the Guild Room.

Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving the members take charge of the decoration of the Church, and the distribution of Thanksgiving dinners.

A strawberry festival was given in June, 1901, and a cup and saucer sale in March, 1902; the proceeds were devoted to the Guild.

Active Members.

Mrs. Waters.
Mrs. Buchanan.
Mrs. Miller.
Mrs. Jones.
Mrs. Van Bokkelen.
Mrs. Wilcoxson.
Miss E. Cushman.
Miss Roche.
Miss M. C. Wilcoxson.
Miss E. R. Wilcoxson.
Miss C. Overton.
Miss E. Overton.
Miss E. Quinlan.
Miss Costello.
Miss E. M. Cushman.
Miss Hoerle.
Miss L. Hoerle.

Associate Members.

Mrs. G. W. Faber.
Mrs. R. C. Faber.
Mr. G. F. Wilcoxson.
Mrs. B. F. Elgar.
Mrs. Jarrett.
Mrs. E. F. Quinlan.
Mrs. J. F. Cox.
Miss C. Taylor.
Mrs. E. H. Cushman.
Mrs. J. W. Cushman.

The Guild of St. Mary of Bethany

This Guild was organized in January, 1902. It is a strictly missionary society, and although its membership is not large, it accomplishes a great deal. Each member pledges herself to finish one piece of work a week, if possible. The garments are afterwards sent in packages to a hospital or other worthy institution. The members have been very regular, diligent and faithful.

Report of Society

From January, 1904, to May, 1904.

One package to St. Andrew's Hospital, 211 East 17th Street, New York.

One box to Brother Gilbert, Priory Farm, New York.

One package to St. Mary's Hospital, Ninth Avenue and 31st Street, New York.

One package to Christ Hospital, Jersey City.

Thirty-two Confirmation Veils.

MATILDA C. WILCOXSON,
Directress.

May, 1904.

St. Peter's Fraternity

No argument is needed to demonstrate the necessity for the establishment and maintenance of an organization which shall band together the young men of our Parish. The greatest danger confronting the Church to-day is the growing indifference of its young people towards its needs and work, for upon them must depend the future welfare of the Church. Especially is this true in respect to its young men.

More than this, it is the bounden duty of the Church to provide for the young people if it would claim their active support. Just as the spirit of patriotism is fostered and encouraged by the State in the school children who will shortly hold the reins of government, so should the Church inculcate the principle of true religion—embracing loyalty to the Christian faith and the Church—in the mind while it is yet young. Thus may be formed that strongest of all relations—a reciprocal one, calling for mutual support.

This Fraternity, we trust, embodies all the elements necessary for the establishment of such a relation. Organized over five years ago as a literary society, under the name of the "Young Men's Literary Society," it was reorganized after two years as "St. Peter's Fraternity," and its scope then very materially enlarged. Nor, while making St. Peter's Church the center of its activity, does it confine itself to the Parish limits, membership therein not being limited to the young men of this Church.

To-day, with a membership of about sixty, it constitutes a very strong and effective society. Its members have been faithful and earnest workers. The fruits of their industry may be seen in St. Peter's Hall, to which a room has been added by them, equipped with three shower baths with hot and cold water appliances, at an

expense of over $400. Their club rooms in the rear hall, which have been suitably decorated and furnished by them, are open every evening, excepting Monday, from seven to ten-thirty o'clock, and here nightly gather members for social intercourse—for, realizing that a society such as this must have a popular inductive force, the social features have not been neglected. Entertainments, given at various times under the auspices of the Fraternity, have all been successful socially, artistically and financially.

The one great purpose for which the Fraternity is striving is the erection upon the site of the present Hall of a Parish House which shall more adequately meet the needs and requirements of our people.

The Clergy and Church authorities take great pleasure in commending to the consideration of our parishioners the work of these young men in the hope that they will lend their active co-operation.

FERDINAND PECORA,
President.

Financial Report

Receipts to date,		$821.71
Disbursements :		
General Expenses,	$134.78	
Sexton's Services,	197.00	
Treasurer St. Peter's Church,	64.47	
Improvements Parish Hall,	419.73	
		$815.98

The above does not include receipts of the last entertainment.

WILLIAM T. WATSON,
Treasurer.

May 16th, 1904.

Officers.

FERDINAND PECORA, *President.*
R. BARTON THOMPSON, *Vice-President.*
GEORGE W. PHILLIPS, Jr., *Secretary.*
FREDERICK HOUSCHILD, *Cor. Secretary.*
WILLIAM T. WATSON, *Treasurer.*
Rev. W. AXFORD B. HOLMES, *Chaplain.*

St. Peter's Choir

"There is no pause in the vast melody of earth,
It never dies, but has perpetual birth.
Each leaf that drops makes some divine accord
In the eternal hymn of praise to God.
The bugle-tones of winds forever sighing,
The hollow voice of deep to deep replying—
Each lends an accent to the symphony
Which soars forever, Lord, from Thine to Thee."

The work of the Choir goes along smoothly and harmoniously. Music has become such an important factor in the popular success of Church services that we are glad that more and more attention is being devoted to it.

The membership is about thirty, and the attendance at services, rehearsals and for special work has been excellent. Great interest is shown by members, and as a consequence the expression in the rendering of Canticles and Anthems is constantly improving.

On Wednesday night in Holy week "The Crucifixion," by Sir John Stainer, was given with increased chorus and two special soloists; it showed conscientious training on the part of the Choir Master and the great advance made by the Choir.

The Church was completely filled and several critics expressed the opinion that it was one of the best renditions of the work which had been given in the city.

We have two fine organs in St. Peter's (one of them silent for many years). We had hoped to have them connected by electricity this year, but the expense attendant is too great for the present.

A general word of congratulation should be extended to our worthy Choir Master, Mr. Smythe, and to his Choir for the admirable work accomplished.

OLIN SCOTT ROCHE.

Illustrated Lectures

Through the courtesy of the Board of Education, and under the direction of Dr. Leipziger, it has been our privilege to have had, in St. Peter's Hall, during the season, twenty-six lectures on various topics, lives of great men, evolution and travel.

These lectures have been interesting and helpful, sometimes eloquent and inspiring. It has been gratifying to see large audiences gathering here from week to week and it augurs well for the neighborhood.

While there is so much to degrade and lower the tone of society in great cities like New York, it is comforting to know that there are influences at work to counteract the evil tendencies. Among the best are lectures such as these, which serve not only to instruct and educate, but must also have a strong effect upon the manners and morals of the people. This is the fifth season of these lectures and during that time they have been attended by audiences ranging in numbers from 200 to almost 700. Such a fact proves conclusively the need, attractiveness and success of the various courses.

Penny Provident Society

The object of this Society is to teach the children thrift and frugality ; to introduce as far as possible into their homes habits of economy and saving. Through the example of the children to transform the family from the class known as dependents to the class whose self-respect is maintained by the fact that they have money in the bank against an emergency or as a permanent accumulation; some of the children at the end of each season have considerable sums on deposit.

This department has been in charge of Mrs. Helen D. Van Clief, who receives the children's deposits on Saturday mornings at 11.30 o'clock.

Historic Notes

BY

HENRY CLINTON CARTER

The Church of England enjoyed a moderate prosperity in New York City and its vicinity during the days just before the Revolution. In spite of the bigotry of some Royal Governors it was well liked, and it grew up in friendship along with the Reformed Church brought here by the Dutch settlers. But after the Revolution our Church felt the hatred visited upon the Tories who in so many cases were its prominent upholders; and not till the time of Bishops Hobart and Onderdonk did our Communion show a very vigorous life. Thus it was that New York City was so late in setting about that systematic provision for future growth which might have helped it so much.

New York Island was composed of the compact settlement near the Battery and the outlying half-rural regions. Sometimes the latter were really like little villages. When this was the case there grew up little Parishes each with its tiny Church. One alone is standing to-day, St. Mary's of Manhattanville, sole relic of the village Churches of the old days. Other such Parishes are St. Andrew's of Harlem and the three which were so well known at the time when St. Peter's had its birth and which formed its nearest neighbors—St. Luke's of Greenwich Village, St. James' of Hamilton Square, and St. Michael's of Bloomingdale. St. Peter's, however, had not this origin; it was rather the Chapel built by a swarm of new settlers for their present convenience than the Parish Church growing up slowly in a community.

In 1750 Major Thomas Clarke bought a tract of land in Greenwich, in "The Outward," from Teunis Somerindyk. This latter citizen held part of the land purchased by his forefathers in 1696. The family (at first named Stille) contained some of the oldest settlers of Manhattan. Major Clarke named his farm "Chelsea," as being the retreat of an old soldier. His house burned down; before the Revolution he had built another; this one was on the hill which stood between 22d and 23d Streets, West of Ninth Avenue. In 1852, or thereabouts, the hill was leveled and the house was destroyed. "Chelsea" extended from Eighth Avenue to the river; it lay between 18th and 24th Streets, and was composed of several hillocks, with a hollow South of 22d Street. It had a cherry orchard and doubtless many other features, now seeming like dreams of Arcadia. In the house died Dr. Benjamin Moore, second Bishop of New York, and his son, Clement Clarke Moore, who wrote "The Night Before Christmas."

Error: see p. 29

Father and son were graduates of Columbia College. Dr. Clement C. Moore intended to take holy orders, but he became instead the Professor of Greek and Oriental Languages in the General Theological Seminary of our Church. To this Seminary he gave lavishly of his time, his work and his means. He bestowed on it the land where its buildings now stand, thus fixing it in this City. In 1809 he published a Hebrew and English Lexicon, perhaps the first one printed in this country.

When the Seminary moved up to Chelsea from St. John's School House, and Trinity School Building, at Canal and Varick Streets, a small but permanent addition was made to the society of the neighborhood. This was the Seminary Group, consisting of the Professors with

their families, and the students. There were of course other neighbors. The locality, in New York phrase, "began to build up" about 1820. High hopes were entertained by many Chelsea people that this part of town would become fashionable. Thirty years later it was really a pleasant place to live in; and even in these changed days it has retained some attractions. So the little congregation in the old East Building of the Seminary formed and grew rapidly. Divine Services were held continually from 1827; the students and others founded a Sunday School and engaged in many useful works in the neighborhood. Soon the Seminary "Long Room" became too small for the worshippers, and steps were taken to form a new Parish. On May 9th, 1831, a meeting was held and St. Peter's Church was organized. Reuben Spencer and Clement Clarke Moore were the Church-wardens; Benjamin Isaacs Haight, then a student in the class about to be graduated from the Seminary, was chosen Rector. Mr. Haight, having been ordained deacon, entered upon his duties in St. Peter's on September 4th, 1831. The congregation still worshipped in the Chapel of the Seminary.

Dr. Moore leased to the new Corporation part of the land which it now owns. Trinity Church gave liberally, and a little Chapel was erected which was consecrated on February 4th, 1832. St. Luke's Church in Greenwich Village contributed a large part of the parishioners; and this was only natural since Chelsea is really the northern-most end of Greenwich or "Great Kill."

To follow the whole history of St. Peter's in its details would be more than is now intended. The little Chapel was built at a cost so small as to prevent any burdensome debt. It still stands, having been altered in 1840 so as

to serve as the Rectory. It is of brick, and very simple. It had originally four rows of seats, with two aisles, or passages; a small gallery over the door held the little choir. An organ, played by Dr. Moore, served later for the use of the Seminary. The music was sometimes very good. Few facts have come down to us as to the appearance of the Chapel. The gallery was lighted by candles. Probably lamps were used below. The windows were of plain glass. In the basement the Sunday School was held. Dr. Bird Wilson's garden was immediately west; opposite on 20th Street was the open land where soon thereafter Mr. Don Alonzo Cushman built his large house and had his pleasant grounds. It was still possible to go "across lots" to 19th Street. In general the vicinity was still of an "out-of town" character; it was nearly twenty years later when the region was solidly built.

The congregation grew fast, and soon the Chapel was full. It was plain that the neighborhood would soon demand a larger place of worship. After Mr. Haight's departure, in 1834, to take charge of a Parish in Cincinnati (Ohio), the Rev. Mr. Thomas Pyne, an English clergyman, who had been in Philadelphia, succeeded him. Plans for a new building were considered, and efforts to raise the funds for it were begun. Mr. Pyne was a very superior man in many respects. Among his other good qualities was that of candor. On Thanksgiving Day (December 10th, 1835) he preached a sermon in which he alluded to Slavery in proper terms; he expressed a hope that this evil might be removed from among us, so that all persons could heartily "rejoice and give thanks" on these occasions. The Vestry became frightened. New York had been stirred up recently

by "Abolition Riots" and other disturbances consequent on the anti-slavery agitation. Some of the Vestrymen took offense at Mr. Pyne's very sensible and temperate utterances, and there was much of a "tempest in a tea-pot." Bishop Onderdonk sustained Mr. Pyne as being free from blame, but thought it best that he should resign his post. This he did in 1836. His successor was the Rev. Dr. Hugh Smith.

St. Peter's now entered upon a most important part of its history. It erected the present handsome structure; the congregation grew, the Parish became well-known throughout the town. But unfortunately the debts incurred in building became very burdensome and caused much anxiety, besides hindering the Parish in its charitable works. St. Peter's became well-known from the part taken in the "Carey Ordination" by Dr. Smith. Arthur Carey, a young graduate from the Seminary of the class of 1842, was presented for ordination. Dr. Henry Anthon, Rector of St. Mark's Church, had become convinced that Mr. Carey was not in full sympathy with our Communion, but that he leaned so much towards the Roman Catholic Church in his views as to be unsuitable for our ministry. Dr. Smith, who was a warm friend of Dr. Anthon, was in accord with him, although Mr. Carey was a parishioner of St. Peter's. Since Bishop Onderdonk had found Mr. Carey a proper candidate for ordination the two opponents determined to protest against the Bishop's course. Accordingly, on July 2d, 1843, Drs. Anthon and Smith, wearing their academic gowns and bands, rose from their seats in St. Stephen's Church and read their written protests against the ordination of Mr. Carey. This action, however, did not cause the Bishop to change his determination, and Mr. Carey was then

ordained. He died at sea, not far from Havana, in the Spring of 1844. The Bishop seems to have acted wisely ; and the conduct of Drs. Anthon and Smith is explained by the fierce controversy in our Church at that time. Both of these gentlemen took the Protestant side in the struggle which had then begun and which lasted so long. Dr. Smith placed St. Peter's in the rank of the Low Church Parishes ; and there it stayed for many years.

On Sunday, March 25th, 1849, Dr. Smith died, in the Rectory of St. Peter's, during the time of divine service. He was a man greatly beloved by all who knew him.

The fourth Rector was the Rev. Dr. Eli Hulme Canfield, from Brooklyn. He was a genial man, of views similar to those of Dr. Smith. He found St. Peter's Parish embarrassed by debts and hampered in many ways. But the congregation was large, and Dr. Canfield was able to do much good. Parishioners of his time seem to dwell with much delight on his charity and kindly disposition. In 1852 he resigned, to be followed by the Reverend Dr. Alfred Baury Beach, who commenced his work here in 1853.

Dr. Beach's pastorate was a most eventful one in the history of the Parish. It was also the longest, extending, as it did, from 1853 to 1890. The neighborhood reached the very height of its reputation as a desirable place of residence, and then the tide turned. Dr. Beach lived to see Chelsea almost a fashionable quarter, and then saw that it was to become a region of boarding and apartment houses in all those parts which should not yield to the demands of commerce and manufactures. But the pastorate of Dr. Beach embraced more than the mere passive witness of the transformation of the neighborhood ; in it was effected the change from the

respectable, sermon-hearing congregation of the former days to the gathering-in of all sorts and conditions of men of all ages and classes, not content to be edified on Sundays by preacher and choir, but to work on other days as well for the Church and for each other. Nor were these the sum of those alterations made in the Parish affairs during Dr. Beach's time. The very plain and somewhat cold and formal mode of worship which was practiced by his predecessors has been enriched by changes in the Prayer Book and in the customs of public worship. Most important of all, the Altar has resumed its ancient prominence in Divine Service ; and it is now considered praiseworthy to adorn and beautify the House of God in all suitable manners and at all proper times. Much was done in Dr. Beach's day ; much has been done since then.

"It remains that a growing intelligence, a deepening sympathy, and a wider generosity shall unfold yet larger spheres of service and of usefulness, making the history of St. Peter's in its age even brighter than in its youth."

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The Neighboring Chimes

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The Dean, through whom all blessings flow
To faithful Theologues below,
Set in a Tower—with thoughtful care—
The central point in Chelsea Square,
A Chime that rings, when it is tolled,
Such tunes as fit hymns new and old,
By hammers struck on hollow bars,
With sound which either soothes or jars,
According as it's true or flat,
Being sometimes this and sometimes that.
But what though bells are only bars!
What though a queer note sometimes jars!
A bell's a bell for a' that;
And many bells must make a Chime
(Hung with regard to tone and time).
With swelling curve, or strait and flat,
With swaying tongue, or hammer's pat,
And long and slim, or short and fat,
A bell's a bell for a' that.
For a' that, and a' that,
A bell's a bell for a' that.

A little further up the street
A wand'ring Theologue may meet
A Chime whose belles are not in bars,
Whose melody no false note mars.

Not hid away in tower or spire,
But posed on either side the choir
Successive pyramids they rise
Upward decreasing in their size;
Their graceful curves in cottas wrapped,
Their apexes all Oxford-capped.
It takes one "e" their name to spell,
More than is usual in "bell";
If that unfits them for a Chime,
There's no sound sense within this rhyme.
But if such belles can make a Chime,
By ringing true in tone and time,
St. Peter's has a Chime as fair
As that which rings in Chelsea Square.

What though such belle be not of brass!
Nor made through metal mould to pass!
In spite of bows and linen sheer,
Suggesting more than may appear,
Her dress, and charm, and a' that,
Her doubled "e," and Oxford hat,
Her note that's never sharp or flat,
A belle's a bell for a' that.
For a' that, and a' that,
A belle's a bell for a' that.

A. W. T.,

20th Street, between Eighth and Tenth Avenues,
New York.

To St. Peter's Tower

I love thy early English style,
St. Peter's Tower!
Thy clock-face doth the time beguile,
St. Peter's Tower!
With battlements, and old gray stone,
With turrets—and in sombre tone,
Midst mediocrity—alone
Thou stand'st, O Tower!

From out the casement of my flat,
St. Peter's Tower!
I gaze—and hold congenial chat
With thee, my Tower!
Yon hideous stack, all smoke-begrimed,
Contrasts thy walls, all ivy-climbed,
And sweet the tones thy bells have chimed,
My stately Tower!

About thy base in bustling street,
St. Peter's Tower!
Are countless souls: and warm hearts beat,
(Consoling Tower!)
When on thee rests the wistful eye
(Poor sordid lives to beautify)
Upturned with longing to the sky
Where points thy Tower.

I love thy window-tracery,
St. Peter's Tower!
'Tis beautiful as lacery,
St. Peter's Tower!
Thy ancient stones and window shafts,
Thy mullions—all the handicrafts—
Wrought out from consecrated draughts
For thee, fair Tower!

God bless thee; lofty, grim and strong,
St. Peter's Tower!
To all these homes thou art a song,
Uplifting Tower!
A song, the morn, the noon, the night,
In sun and storm the heart's delight
I rev'rently this song indite
To thee, my Tower!

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St. Peter's Clock

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Soon after the new Church was built, at a meeting of the Vestry of St. Peter's, held December 14th, 1838, it was stated "that the inhabitants of the neighborhood had subscribed a sum of money nearly sufficient to purchase a clock, on condition that the Vestry will cause the bell now in the tower to be removed and procure another which shall be considered by them a good and sufficient one." A committee was appointed and empowered "to carry the above object into effect."

On March 5th, 1839, "the clock committee reported that they had contracted for a church clock for the sum of $500, to be put up in June next"; and it was stated that "Mr. Allaire would furnish a bell for St. Peter's at thirty-five cents per pound, and take the old one at twenty cents per pound." The committee was authorized to contract for a bell upon these terms—the weight of the new bell not to exceed 2,000 pounds.

On the 7th of May, 1839, the bell committee reported that they had contracted with Mr. Allaire for a bell to weigh 1,900 pounds.

August 6th, 1839, clock committee reported that the clock contracted for had been "consumed by fire."

January 11th, 1840, committee was empowered to contract with Mr. Harold for a clock.

February 4th, 1840, committee reported contract made with Mr. Harold for clock at $700, to be completed in seventy days. It was further reported that the sum of $525 had been subscribed by the inhabitants of the neighborhood toward paying for the same.

About this time the Vestry seem to have found themselves launched upon a great sea of financial troubles, where there was "no tick," and I discover no further mention of the clock. But we know it was completed and has been measuring off the time for more than forty years. Upon the whole, it has been a good clock, and although twice doublefaced, has behaved itself correctly. How many changes in every direction it has witnessed! What a great city it has seen growing up and stretching away far beyond the reach of its voice. Its tongue could tell us many wonderful things, if it would. How many thousands of people have looked at its honest face during these forty years! How many necks have been stretched, in an innocent and harmless way, from omnibuses, carriages, wagons, carts and cars to see what its fingers were pointing at! How many weary laborers have watched those fingers for the hour of rest and refreshment from pail and pipe! How many lazy ones have done the same thing! How has it hurried loitering children to their school, and idling workmen to their task! How many dishes has it caused to be broken by hurrying sluggish cooks, and how impatiently has its striking been listened for in boarding-houses! What a vast number of other clocks has it ruled over with its four iron rods, and how it has laughed when it has set them all wrong! It must feel a great weight upon it when it thinks of these things! And still, notwithstanding its impudence, which is simply brazen, we are always ready to pardon it because of the benefits it bestows. What company it has been for watchers in the night, and what a friend it has been to tired and sleepy parents when its stroke has finally started the lingering lover or the dreadful bore! I am warned—St. Peter's clock strikes eleven.

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